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TROOP MOVEMENT
ROUTE 15/151
1802N 10551E

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OBSERVED ON A KNOWN INFILTRATION ROUTE LEADING INTO LAOS.

2. LOCATION:

THE AREA IS LOCATED AT 180235N 1055115E (UTM WE903951) APPROXIMATELY ONE NM SOUTHEAST OF BAI DUC THON AND APPROXIMATELY 24 NM NORTH-NORTHEAST OF MU GIA PASS.

3. MISSION READOUT:

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM MISSION BO Q869, 11 DECEMBER 1968, REVEALS EXTENSIVE MILITARY ACTIVITY NEAR A WAY STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF ROUTES 15 AND 151. APPROXIMATELY 600 PERSONNEL ARE TRAVELING SOUTHEAST IN A COLUMN ALONG A TRAIL ROUGHLY PARALLELING ROUTE 15 WITH THE SOUTH END OF THE COLUMN DISAPPEARING UNDER THE TREE CANOPY. THE TROOPS TRAVELING SINGLE FILE ARE CARRYING BACK PACKS. THREE INDIVIDUALS ARE CARRYING THREE PROBABLE MORTAR OR RECOILLESS RIFLE TUBES (TWO SHOWN ON GRAPHIC). IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE WAY STATION THERE ARE FIFTY-TWO CARTO TRUCKS, (20 SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) EIGHT LOADED WITH UNIDENTIFIED SUPPLIES AND NUMEROUS THATCHED HUTS PROBABLY USED IN SUPPORT OF PERSONNEL PASSING THROUGH THE AREA, AND FOR LOGISTICS PERSONNEL. STACKS OF UNIDENTIFIED SUPPLIES LINE ROUTE 15 AT A RAIL TO ROAD TRANSFER POINT. NUMEROUS POL DRUMS AND TIRES ARE SCATTERED

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THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

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MAP REFERENCE: UTM REFERENCE IS TAKEN FROM AMS SERIES L7014 SHEET 6145 II

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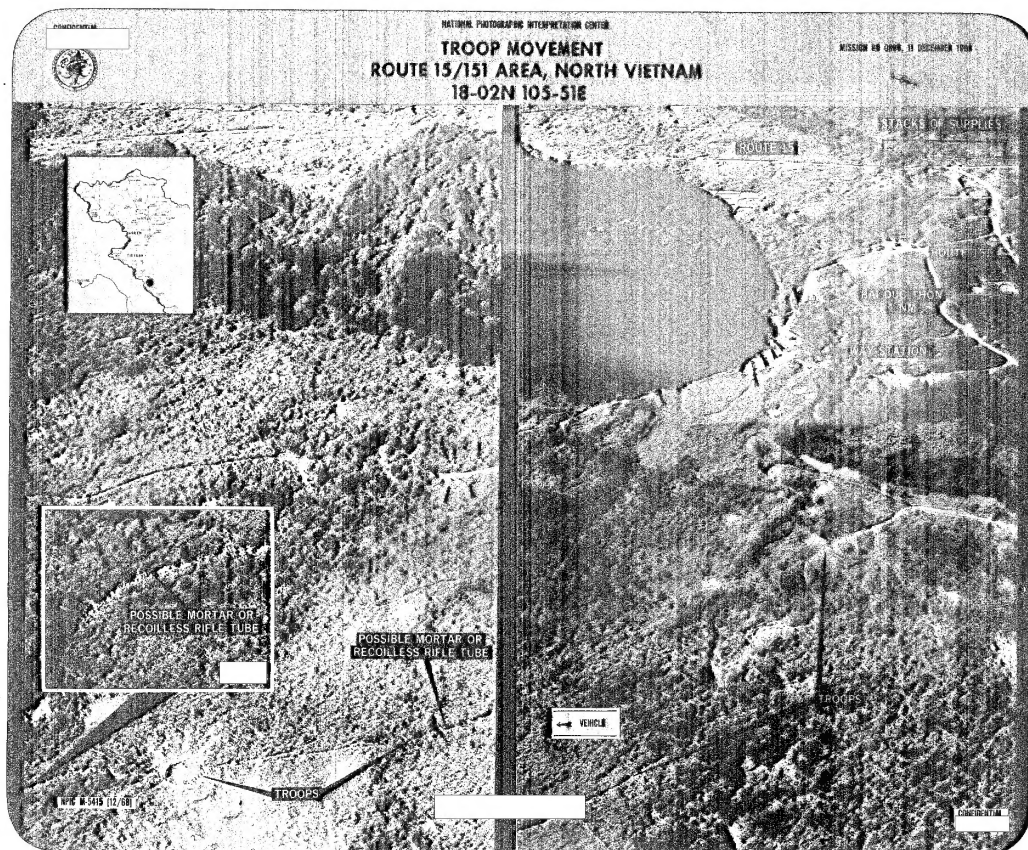


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